

PRIORITY SCHOOLS IN THE NEWS

Fern Creek High School student hosts September edition of “Our Kids” TV show -

<http://www.jefferson.k12.ky.us/News/NewsSlide/OurKids.html>

College and Career Ready students get permanent parking spaces at **Knox Central High School** -

<http://www.onpointmagazine.net/?p=1121>

Perry County Central High School students excited about broadband expansion -

<http://www.wkyt.com/wymt/home/headlines/Area-students-say-they-are-excited-for-broadband-expansion-323526751.html>

ITEMS FROM SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS, WEBSITES, AND THE FIELD

Fleming County High School

Congratulations to FFA Welders Troy Ratliff, Blake Hawkins, Dalton Gray, and Kegan Dales for placing 1st-4th place at the Kentucky State Fair!



Congratulations to Carson Prater for his Kentucky State Fair Auctioneering Championship!



Fleming County High School ACT Scores Improve

Students in Fleming County Schools continue to show increases on the 2015 ACT exam, according to recent data released by the ACT. “Though we continue to see increases on the ACT in English, reading and the overall composite, we must continue to have a laser focus on preparing students to be college and career ready,” according to Brian Creasman, Superintendent of Fleming County Schools. “The increases on the ACT show we are making progress in the classroom, but we must raise expectations even higher so that all students are prepared for an ever-changing global economy.”

The district’s average ACT composite score and subject area scores in English, math, reading and science are still below the state average scores. The Fleming County Board of Education has a focus on raising student achievement on the ACT. As a result of their focus, the board approved in July two positions be created at Fleming County High School to focus solely on preparing students for the ACT. The ACT prep curriculum focused on preparing students for the ACT by providing strategic instruction using released ACT exams, test-taking strategies, as well as, individualized plans for success.

The district is continuing its focus on college/career readiness across all levels of the educational process. Creasman stated, “As educators, we realize that student success on the ACT is determined by several variables; one variable being the ability of Fleming County Schools to offer a quality education that provides students with rigorous and differentiated learning experiences that allow all students to leave high school college ready with industry certifications.”

The district is continuing to focus on establishing high academic expectations across all grade levels that have a common focus – preparing students for college and career success. The district’s success in preparing students for the ACT will be measured by the district’s ability to engage all students;

implement a common K-12 curriculum with common assessments; analyze data and student work through professional learning communities; engage stakeholders through shared leadership; and effectively connect the district's system.

"Overall, we are pleased that our students are growing academically, but we are nowhere close to where we want to be. It is clear by reviewing the ACT data that reading, writing and arithmetic remain critical in determining student college and career readiness," according to Creasman.

Pulaski County High School

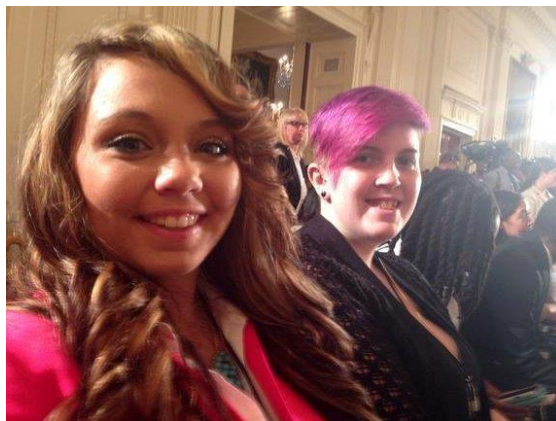
On July 23, Katelyn Adams joined First Lady Michelle Obama at the White House for the Reach Higher "Beating the Odds" Summit. The event celebrated students' accomplishments in overcoming adversity on their way to colleges across the country. Students heard words of encouragement and advice from the First Lady; Secretary of Education Arne Duncan; Google EDU's Jaime Casap; first-generation student and co-founder of 1vyG, Manuel Contreras; a panel of rising sophomores who met with the First Lady last year; and even musical artist Wale, who has a unique education story of his own.

According to Whitehouse.gov, "the Reach Higher initiative is the First Lady's effort to inspire every student in America to take charge of their future by completing their education past high school, whether at a professional training program, a community college, or a four-year college or university."

The students selected to participate in the event represented a wide range of diverse backgrounds including urban, rural, foster, homeless, special needs, and under-represented youth who have overcome challenges to continue their education.

Katelyn, a recent graduate of Pulaski County High School, prefers to go by Kat. She is a first generation college student who will double major in Journalism and Gender Studies when she attends Berea College this fall. Kat is a member of the Berea College Talent Search.

"Seeing the group of young people was phenomenal, and hearing everyone's personal stories was amazing," Kat said. "We all came from different places. We are all different in many ways. However, we have things in common: we are ambitious and determined!"



Sheldon Clark High School (former priority school)

Submitted by Marcie Hanson, Comprehensive Specialist and Journalism Advisor at SCHS

Members of the SCHS Journalism Class, along with some of their JKG and SCHS friends, created a "My Sentence" video featuring the sentence that "defines" each student. We wanted to share their amazing work with you and invite you to share their challenge in your own classrooms. We hope you enjoy viewing this as much as we enjoyed making it!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EKGKWO_Hum8

Trimble County High School

The Site Based Decision Making Council has selected Michael Slider as the new principal of Trimble County High School. Mr. Slider's background is in high school social studies, which he previously taught at South Oldham High School and Fern Creek High School. In 2012, Mr. Slider served as an Educational Recovery Specialist for the Kentucky Department of Education at Frederick Law Olmsted Academy North. He completed his masters in Secondary Education at the University of Louisville and also became a Nationally Board Certified teacher. We are excited to have him as part of the TCHS Community!



Utilizing a \$5000 Lowe's Toolbox grant, Teen Leadership students under the direction of Carla Goins, David Eddy, and Barbara Dukes refurbished the courtyard at Trimble County High School this summer. The courtyard, renamed the J.W. Sachleben "Raider Retreat" Courtyard, will allow students to have outdoor performances as well as work and eat outside under teacher supervision. John Hart and workers from Lowe's assisted in the project.

